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M.B.A. REORGANIZES FOR 93/94

by David Brown

Over the summer, MBA has instated some radical changes in the Ball Building, daily school schedule, and overall school life, which will cause the first couple of weeks of school to be a time of adjustment.

The Ball Building will still be under construction for the beginning of school. The final date for construction completion is October 1st. During this transition time all scheduled classes will continue. The computer classrooms will open with the start of school! The top floor of Ball, which is dedicated to student publications and which will house a student lounge, should open a few days after school has begun. The lower floors, housing College Counseling, classrooms, and administrative offices have a completion date anywhere between now and October 1st.

As most students already know, the library has

been used by the administration during the summer as office space where they could play on the new CD-ROM Macintoshes. But, contrary to popular belief, they (the administration and their computers) will move, and the library will open as normal when school begins.

In addition to the construction obstacles, students will have to adjust to some schedule changes.



Summer Construction at M.B.A.

Classes will continue to be fifty minutes long; and we will begin school at 7:55 Monday through Thursday with classes beginning at 8:10 on

Fridays; but Activity Period and Assemblies have changed. Monday after second period is Assembly at MBA. The Assembly period will last from 9:30 until 10:00. Important announcements, presentations, and news for the week will be presented during this period. After Assembly, third period will begin at 10:05; and the school day will end at 3:05, with no activity period. Tues-

day, Wednesday, and Thursday will be normal days, but Activity period will be shortened to thirty minutes. Friday will again end at 2:55 with no Activity period. Once again, announcements will be read during the first five minutes of third period every day except Monday.

On days when special assemblies are scheduled, they will be held in the place of Activity period; and as we all know, special assemblies do not always conform to their thirty minutes of allotted time.

Finally, this year, students who drive will be issued a paper tag which will hook on the rear view mirror of their car. This tag can be removed easily, but must be in view when parked at MBA. Also, driving students will have a parking place in MBA's newly resurfaced lots.

Service Club 93/94

by Michael Haslam Service Club Pres.

As President of the Service Club, it is my job to go through last year's Service Club Constitution and make any changes or amendments that I see fit. These changes will be presented to the student body either orally or in written form (I prefer to do it orally). The duties of the Service Club as the officers and I see it are to serve all of the needs of M.B.A. and then to help the community. We shall follow the basic ideas of last year in that membership will be awarded on the basis of credit totals. Membership must be earned every semester, but the number of credits needed for a student to maintain membership is lower than that of one trying to earn a new membership.

This year, we are

considering allowing freshmen to become members of the Service Club in the second semester, and even to start a smaller version of the Service Club in the Junior School that would cater to the separate needs of the Junior School. If there are any eighth-graders who are interested in starting such a program, please contact either Mr. Bennett or me.

I understand that one of the reasons that people join the Service Club is to have something to write on a college application. I hope, however, that being a member means more than something that you must do or reaching a certain number of credits and quitting at that number. If that is all that it means to you, then I thank you for your help

see *Service*, page three

Boys State

by Taylor Harris: Secretary of Youth

At the end of the last school year, Robert West and I traveled to Cookeville to participate in the 45th annual meeting of Boys' State. Despite our having to reschedule exams, and in spite of the military nature of the experience, both Robert and I found Boys' State to be enjoyable, informative, and rewarding.

Robert and I did not enjoy our first few days. We knew nobody, we didn't really like the people we met, we marched "to hell and back," and we rarely slept. One night, some hoodlum rooming very near Robert pulled the fire alarm, and subsequently, everyone was roused from bed and forced to stand at attention for half an hour. Free time was nonexistent. The food wasn't very good either. All



of these complaints are in stark contrast to our overall impression of Boys' State. Toward the end of the week, Robert and I started to realize that we were learning something and that we were enjoying ourselves. I would do it all again if I could.

The purpose of Boys' State is to "learn about government through participation." Each boy is assigned to a mythical city, county, and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter From the Editor



Robert West
Editor-in-Chief

This issue of *The Bell Ringer* represents hours of experimentation on the part of the entire *Bell Ringer* staff. The gentlemen listed on the right side of this page became editors through hard work on last year's paper. This work came in the form of writing, typing, or picture taking. As the staff has learned, leading and organizing the paper is much different from writing an article about the microbe football team. The staff, however, has done a terrific job of putting up with Robert West and has created a solid paper.

I, on the other hand, have had my problems. The paper at one point was finished and ready for print, until it was pointed out that a newspaper could not have an odd number of pages. This obstacle was overcome with the

addition of page six. If page eight looks funny to you, it is due to the fact that it was put together from continuations of news, opinion, and sport articles.

In the past, I have heard open attacks on *The Bell Ringer*. If you want to attack *The Bell Ringer*, save your breath. I do not care. I would love to read any letter to the editor on any subject. I hope I will receive many letters that I can print, for I will print any letter. I would love alumni, faculty, or non-MBA student submissions. But, Do not tell me what to do. Put your comments on paper or do not waste my time.

I can promise that *The Bell Ringer* will improve each issue. In a few days, the paper will move from my room to the Ball Building on the third floor. From this viewpoint, *The Bell Ringer* could see the entire campus if there were a window.

I can assure you that we will be a presence on cam-

pus this year.

To all of you up-and-coming reporters, seek out the editors. I will not lie and tell you that I did not become interested in the paper without the idea of increasing the size of the extracurricular box in my transcript. This is a valid reason for participating in the paper. We love eager writers, and if reporting is not your style, express your opinion in a photo, cartoon, or article.

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M.B.A. Begins 93/94 With Eight New Teachers



Peter Thurmond

Instructor in Math and coach in football and basketball, assisting in football in the place of Coach Owen. Since his graduation from Vanderbilt in 1987, having majored in Economics with a minor in Mathematics, and having served as student assistant coach in football following an injury, Mr. Thurmond has been a full-time football coach at the college level-most recently at Southwest Texas State and at Georgia Southern. He is a 1982 graduate of the Westminster School, where he received the Best Athlete Award, All-Region selections in basketball and baseball, and AAA All-State honors in football.



Michael Morrissey

Instructor in Computers and Earth Science in the Junior School, and coach for football, basketball, and baseball. Having assisted MBA in various capacities last year, especially as a part-time coach, Mr. Morrissey has agreed to step in to assist full-time in athletics and in Junior School Enrichment. He took his bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt in 1992, where he played on the varsity baseball team.



Kevin Willcuts

Instructor in the Junior School Social Studies and assistant in Wrestling and other sports. Mr. Willcuts is a graduate of Deerfield Academy and of Tufts University, where he earned a double major in History and International Relations. He has just returned from a year of teaching in Nairobi, after having worked for two years as an ESL tutor in Cambridge, Massachusetts, upon graduation from college. He studied for six months at the Instituto Internacional in Madrid while at Tufts, and while at Deerfield, Mr. Willcuts was captain of the wrestling team, winning 2nd place in New England.



Rachel Paschall

Instructor for Junior School Enrichment in Art Studio, in the place of Brigitte Porter. Mrs. Paschall earned a B.F.A. in painting from the Kansas City Art Institute in 1992 and will be continuing the part-time teaching she began during the 2nd semester last year while she prepares a portfolio for application for advanced studies in painting in 1994.

NEWS

HONOR COUNCIL
PREVIEW

**Taylor
Harris**
Honor
Council
President

The Honor Code is an ancient artifact in the history of M.B.A. If this is your opinion, I encourage you to re-think it with me now. The Honor Code is the foundation of M.B.A.'s philosophy. The school strives to create a gentleman out of every student. Honor is the lifestyle of every true gentleman. Honor and the Honor Code are alive and well in every gentleman who studies at M.B.A.

The Honor Council is excited about this year. We see ourselves not only as a judicial body but also as a spiritual body. As a judicial

body, we will handle all cases with fairness and strength. Beyond this role, however, we will seek to promote an atmosphere of unequalled honor by making each student aware of the true value of honor in his life. We want to demonstrate that the Honor Code is not just a set of rules at M.B.A., but an entire lifestyle. We want to nurture honor as the

veritable spirit of M.B.A. I realize that lying, cheating, stealing, and deceiving are easy traps to fall into. Consider now, though, the fact that the temporary gains achieved by these actions are never worth the cost of a damaged reputation and a troubled conscience. I hope that each of you will think seriously about the value of honor in your life. Let's have a great school year.

Service..



Michael Haslam:
The "epitome" of service

because we need all the help we can get. But I hope that the Service Club is more of an outlet to show your appreciation of all that you have been given. Think of how fortunate you are and of how underprivileged the inner city youths at the Boys' Club and the homeless mothers and families at the Soup Kitchen are. Think of the pride you feel when someone asks where you go to school, and you can say "I go to MBA". Think of that and give. Give to your school. Give to your community. Give of yourself all that you can regardless of credit totals and be proud of what you have accomplished.

STUDENT
COUNCIL 93/94

**Michael
Haslam**
Student
Council
Rep.

The 1993-94 Student Council is gearing up for its best year ever. The leaders of this proud band of men has a mixture of experience. We are proud to have three-time officers Jim Bowen and Derrick Buckspan, along with second year man Michael Haslam and rookie of the year Andy Barrett, who we hope will bring a new sense of energy to the group.

During the summer, these leaders actually had a meeting and tried to resolve some problems from last school year such as the lunch room, schedule changes, dances, and the Big Brother-Little Brother program (any solutions to the Frist Hall traffic jam would be appreciated).

This year the Student

Council hopes to have an impact on the school. In addition to organizing the students to help at the soup kitchen on the first Saturday of every month (trust me it is a worthy cause and is something that everyone should try to do at least once in his career at M.B.A.), the Council will help at dances, and, most importantly, will try to resolve all of the problems and requests of the student body. We hope to get rolling as soon as we elect our president and cabinet, and we hope to do a better job than our predecessors. (Roll Red)

**Senior
Student
Council**
is ready for any
student question
or suggestion!



Robert Patrick

New Teachers

Director of College Counseling, replacing Richard Wright. Mr. Patrick comes to MBA after eight years as College Counselor at Durham Academy, prior to which he acquired extensive independent school experience in teaching and administration at LaLumiere, at Lake Forest, and at the Taft School. Mr. Patrick is a graduate of Kenyon College, is a veteran of military service, and also earned a law degree in 1979. In addition to College Counseling, Mr. Patrick will teach English at the 9th Grade level, as he has done at the Durham Academy.



Suzanne Lefebvre

Instructor in Chemistry, replacing Keith McKee. Mrs. Lefebvre is completing an M.Sc. in Chemistry at Vanderbilt, having graduated with her major in Chemistry from Washington University in St. Louis in 1991. She has worked as research and teaching assistant and departmental tutor in Chemistry at VU and served as a Resident Advisor at Washington U. while an undergraduate.



Benjamin Small

Instructor in IPS for 7th Grade, replacing Mr. Bueno. Mr. Small is a 1993 graduate of Middlebury College, with a major in Physics and a concentration in Philosophy. He was an officer and leader of the Mountain Club, Chairman of the Commons Council, and copy editor and production manager for the college newspaper. A varsity diver and New England Championships qualifier for four years, Mr. Small was ranked #1 in New England in 1993, and while at Enloe High School in Raleigh, he was an all-conference baseball player. Selected as his school's top science student as a senior, he also placed first in Sciences at N.C.'s state Academic Summit in 1989.



Connie Dickerson

Instructor in Latin and French, replacing Virginia Hollins. Mrs. Dickerson has taught languages at Brentwood Academy [1982-1993] and at Goodlettsville [1975-1982], having earned a B.A., *Magna cum laude* from Belmont University and an M.A.T. in Latin from Vanderbilt, with additional study at the Sorbonne. Mrs. Dickerson received the Clyde E. Swift Faculty Award at Brentwood Academy, and among other honors and activities, she has sponsored more than a dozen European study trips with students.

OPINIONS

Opinion Title



**Jason
Bennett**

**Opinions
Editor**

Welcome back to another year of fun and frolicking here on the hill. This year, I hope this corner will remain very busy, since you've got a lot of targets for your frustrations: Clinton, school, Clinton, other schools, Clinton, Clinton, and Clinton (and spam).

We've got health care, taxes, different schedule, honor council, student council, demerits, and above all, a constant barrage of REALLY DUMB IDEAS from the president and her husband. So, whenever you're bored in study hall (and I know you never are), sit down and write!

And now for our feature presentation...
Health care reform

The basic and obvious problem with the system today is that it just costs too much. Why? Because supply and demand hasn't worked in this sector of the economy. People don't choose doctors based on price; they choose them based on trust. Cut-rate health care is considered substandard. You simply cannot shop for health care the way you shop for other products, by hunting for bargains. The solution? Well, one sure way to screw it up is to get the government involved. GOVERNMENT IS NOT YOUR FRIEND! Government will make health care cheap and worthless. The way to fix it is to get capitalism working

again in this area. Have the industry publish price lists for their services, and let people choose the cheapest option, but one they trust. In this manner, prices should decrease when other hospitals are forced to be competitive.

Admittedly, I've glossed over much of the debate, so I look forward to your replies in order to delve into this issue deeper.

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The 1993 MBA Cheerleaders

Boys State...

political party, and throughout the week, mock elections are held. Campaigning often becomes intense to win spots in government. The Boys' State delegates also learn about Tennessee government by studying a handbook in preparation for the daily tests and by hearing speeches from prominent figures such as Governor Ned McWherter.

After the government has been elected, the different bodies meet and attempt to simulate government...until fighting breaks out. The legislature writes bills, which the governor and his cabinet reject, and the governor proposes a budget, which the legislature rejects. After a while, it becomes a game to see which body has more power. Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

From my experience at Boys' State, I learned a lot about Tennessee government and a lot about myself. I discovered that I, at this point, do not want to be a politician. In fact, I did not mind the military-style marching nearly as much as campaigning.

Robert and I left Cookeville with the positions of Chancery Judge and Commissioner of Youth Development, respectively. We also left with many new friends and with very pleasant memories of Boys' State. I would encourage anyone who has the opportunity to attend Boys' State to take advantage of it. It is well worth your time. Finally, Robert and I would like to thank all of the people at M.B.A. who made this opportunity possible for us.

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every month
during the
school year.
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experience of
going to the
"SoupKitchen"
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invaluable.

Violent Crimes in the U.S.A.



**Chris
Kuhn**

**Staff
Writer**

programs such as "A Current Affair" and on the evening news. It is these true-to-life shows that put violent ideas into people's heads and lead them to commit similar acts.

Throughout the United States, the rate of violent crimes has risen steadily in conjunction with a wave of new crimes such as car-jackings and drive-by-shootings. Recently, President Clinton announced plans for a new crime bill which would add more police officers to the streets in order to restore the peace. While this might bring short term benefits, as long as there is a need and a means for crime, the violence will continue regardless of how many police men and women there are on patrol.

For President Clinton to succeed in reducing crime, he should instead try to make handguns less accessible, set in place more severe punishments for violent crimes, and lessen the influence of violence in T.V.

At first it sounds ridiculous to suggest that people will commit violent acts after viewing them on T.V., and that is the case with most shows and cartoons; but when violence is glamorized, as in the case of Amy Fisher and Jeffrey Dahmer, it is bound to affect the public. President Clinton should not listen to the groups who want to remove violent cartoons and movies, for these images are basically harmless. Instead, he should try to tone down the violence glamorized in news

However, regardless of how many times people watch or read about violent crimes, they could not commit their own if guns and knives were not so easily accessible. When junior high students show up for classes with hand guns, there is a problem. President Clinton is trying to make it more difficult to purchase guns by installing a waiting period which could be used to find out whether the potential customer has a violent record. This is a good idea and should work; but he should also install more programs that allow the public to turn guns over to the police with no questions asked. These steps could help take guns out of the hands of violent people.

President Clinton should also make the jail sentences for violent crimes, such as murder, rape, and armed robbery, more severe. By also lowering the terms for non-violent crimes, such as gambling, tax-evasion, and drug trafficking, the jails would not become more overcrowded. While letting these offenders out earlier might not be desirable, see *Violence*, page six

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LAURA AND MARTY SHUSTER

ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE
MARTIN

**BROOKS
MARTIN**
**ENT.
EDITOR**

Once again this summer was predicted to be the biggest movie summer of history. Since everyone sees the same number of movies every summer this prediction is easily made for it logically corresponds with inflation and population growth.

The summer began with *Cliffhanger*. It was a first rate action/adventure movie. The movie had fire, guns, bullets, and first class explosions. Colonel Troutman calls Rambo into service again, this time to take on drug smugglers in the Italian Alps. Rambo eliminates the bad guys and saves the girl in just under two hours.

The *Coneheads* got old quick. It should not have evolved past the five minute SNL skit of old. SNL has produced Steve Martin, Chevy Chase, Eddie Murphy, and the like, but in my opinion the cast of *Coneheads* represents the lower tier of actors produced by the group.

The Firm with our own Mr. Whiteman is a must see. Mr. Whiteman dominates the screen and drew applause both times I saw the movie. The rest of the movie was a disappointment. With plot different from the book, the movie seemed to fall short of everyone's expectations. T. Cruise mopes around a law office studying for a test until

he has an affair in the Bahamas. After this adultery, his wife leaves him, his wife saves his life, his wife comes back, mobsters try to kill T. Cruise, T. Cruise talks to mobsters, the Firm sinks, Elvis saves T. Cruise's brother, T. Cruise's brother sails off into the Bahamas, and T. Cruise and wife start small Firm in the Boston area. If this confused you, read the book.

The last big name of the early summer was *Jurassic Park*. They tell me now that it has made a lot of money, but I did not really like it. The first dinosaur in the movie warranted the \$5.75 evening showing price but, the acting and plot did not live up to the special effects. I will not tell you the plot for it will ruin the sequel which will be out in early 1995.

Oh wait! I forgot! *The Last Action Hero*. I did not see it!

Hocus Pocus. Did not see, but "Amuck, amuck, amuck."

As for *Son-in-Law*, if you like Pauly Shore, you'll love this movie.

This article is pitiful! It needs more fire and explosions in it! huh... huh... Ye- that would be cool! huh... huh...huh..

On a different note, for a little culture in your life see *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Indochine*.

The summer ended with *In The Line of Fire*, *Rising Sun*, and *The Fugitive*. All are worth seeing, but all were over advertised so I will not waste your time.

Photography at MBA

To the right of this article are two pictures which unfortunately are indicative of *Bell Ringer* photography. Nathan Lujan is but one man. We need photographers. Every picture on this paper was taken by one of three people. Two of the three were forced to take pictures.

I know there are photographers out there. I want to see your pictures. *The Bell Ringer* will think of some way to reimburse anyone who

sub-

mits photos.

Parents, I know you have great pictures out there; and if there is any way you could see to send them to *The Bell Ringer*, I would be very apprec-

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BROOKS
MARTINENT.
EDITOR

This summer's concert scene started with the annual Summer Lights Festival, featuring over 30 bands that represented every part of the broad spectrum of Nashville music from country, jazz, and bluegrass to folk, rock, and alternative.

Despite Nashville's size and music reputation, many big commercial bands don't perform here. So it was a big surprise for many alternative fans that the Lollapalooza festival toured through Starwood in early July. The day-long concert and festival, featuring Alice in Chains, Rage Against the Machine, Dinosaur Jr, and Primus, was Starwood's biggest seller for the entire summer. The festival was highlighted by Arrested Development and Fishbone. Their all out performances won the hearts of many non-fans and produced the greatest response from the motley crowd wandering Starwood grounds. The other big collection of bands at Starwood was the H.O.R.D.E. (Horizon of Rock Development Everywhere) Festival, featuring Widespread Panic, Col. Bruce Hampton & the Aquarium Rescue Unit, the Samples, Blues Travelers, and others.

Other popular bands that visited Nashville include: Porno for Pyros (former Jane's Addiction's Perry Ferrel), The Centennial Bandshell was the location for four benefits the summer. Types of music in-

cluded Rock and Alternative bands who played to benefit 2nd Harvest Food Bank, and various local hospitals.

The country music was alive and well this summer. Clint Black and Wynonna Judd played in mid-August to a vast number of loyal fans at Starwood. (Robert, I could not find anyone who knows anything about country music. I need a correspondent desperately.) Travis Tritt and Trish Yearwood had a successful ho-down at Starwood in mid-July. Alabama made another visit to the Music City to play in July.

Starwood also housed traditional rock bands Van Halen, Airosmith, and Steve Miller. I was told Van Halen with Vince Neil was an incredible show with lots of noise and lights and explosions. (Thanks Rishi). Finally, "tini-bopper"/ "hair spray"

bands such as Def Leppard have come and gone, but I will not waste your time.

Finally, in a return to the past, Buffett made his yearly appearance in the early summer and Robert Plant is advertising a date in the early fall. Both shows were or will be well attended and a lot of fun to watch men who could almost be our fathers sing to an audience of all ages.

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Michael Haslam

Micheal is a member of the Student Council, president of the Service Club, a member of the *Cum Laude* Society, and is a chief editor of *The Bell*.

News, Sports, And Opinions

Summertime

Over the summer, the class of 1994 participated in a variety of activities which made the summer very memorable. Some traveled, some worked, some slept late and then talked on the phone, some went to school, and others worked on Montgomery Bell publications for what seemed the entire summer. From this vast archive of stories, *The Bell Ringer* will try to discuss as many as possible.

The summer began, for most MBA students, with the traditional "Search for a Job Week." These first few days of summer consist of trying to find places of employment which are still seeking part-time help. The MBA job seeker will see his tuition dollars paying off when employers recognize Montgomery Bell Academy as a fine institution where men of quality and honor are produced. With their shining resumes, the MBA student can secure a variety of occupations, without even their high-school diploma:

Brooks Martin: Chief technician at Davis Theater, in charge of lights and sound for the many productions which visited MBA this summer.

Ryan Brukardt: Lifeguard at WaveCountry.

Rishi Malhotra: Medical research assistant at Meharry Hospital.

Stephen Ward: irresistible peddler of the highest quality of kitchen knives in Nashville.

Dan Ferguson: lemonade vender at Opryland.

Loren Nash: waiter at Perkins

Charles Warner: sports writer for the *Banner*

Chad White: gymnastics instructor

Michael Haslam: Telephone consultant

Three MBA students spent their summer broadening their minds with an intense course in Physics. Erik Daugherty and Jonathan Hulbert participated in Vanderbilt's P.A.V.E. program (*The Bell Ringer* never was told what the initials stood for). The six week program delved into the mysteries of physics with interesting co-ed group study with students from all over the country. With guest appearances from Dr. Crowell, the

educational event was well worth the time and study.

pals of building a Hydrogen bomb in one's basement.



Taylor Harris participated in a similar three week course which dealt with the different applications of physics. Although Erik referred to the course with disdain as "show-and-tell physics," Taylor and Dr. Crowell visited Oak Ridge, and even studied the princi-

travel this summer. Ben Griffin and Michael Haslam participated in a summer exchange program between Brentwood, England and Brentwood, Tennessee. The program took them to a suburb of London. From here, our two adventurers visited such places as Planet Hollywood, Big Ben, Parliament, the Tower Bridge, and a variety of English pubs. Ben and Mike felt that prices were very high in England, but that the holiday was a lot of fun.



On a negative note, Ben and Mike were taunted by fans of Linford Christy (English 100M runner, who incidentally beat Carl Louis recently in a race). Ben and Mike, however, would return the taunts with comments about the U.S. soccer team beating the British.

John Downey and Keith Claverie took a slightly more in-depth tour of Europe with a trip through Germany, Switzerland, and Italy.

Kevin Stoll took a very similar trip as did Robert West. Both Kevin and Robert felt Italy was like one big Disney Land. Italians realized that tourists were going to come to their country to see the monuments of the Romans, and with this knowledge, every person in Italy either became a thief, vender at a tourist trap, or both. Italians tried to herd you around like cattle, and then overpriced everything.

Robert managed to go from Venice down the Aegean Coast to Sicily. From here, he went up the Mediterranean coast to all of the major cities of Italy, and finally found himself in France on the cliffs overlooking Monte Carlo. This entire trip was done in a matter of a few days; but if you have any travel questions about beautiful out-of-the-way sights, major sights, or any other question about Italy, he will give you the true version, not the tourist book version.

X- Country

ley, and James Gunn. Geoff Zimmerman, Jonathon Fly, and David Berry will also battle for spots on the varsity team. Kenneth Pruitt, Nathan Lujan, Zach Skipper, Peter Ghishan, Scott Bowen, Stephen Wall, and Doug Kasselberg were all members of last year's junior varsity, which beat the varsity team of almost every other school in our district. All of them are returning this year, much improved and ready to run.

During August 23-26, the team, under the leadership of Coach Pruitt and co-captain Geoff Zimmerman, traveled to Montgomery Bell

State Park for cross-country camp, an intensive training and recreational experience. Hopefully, this camp and all of the other summer training runs will have prepared the Big Red for the season. Please come out and support the cross-country team this season.

Roll Red

Photo...

ciative. *The Bell Ringer* would appreciate any picture of an MBA event, MBA sports, MBA students in action, current events pictures (not necessarily MBA related), or any beautiful picture which is in focus, not over-exposed, not under-exposed, either black and white or in color, and with or without caption. This is a call to anyone. Just send the pictures in an envelope or box to:

The Bell Ringer
4001 Harding Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37205.

Football...

seniors Mark Garton, Matt King, and Derrick Buckspan round out the rover position.

The Big Red's preseason kicked off with a disappointing loss to the powerhouse team from Bowling Green, Warren Central. The preseason continues with two away scrimmages: one at Antioch on August 20 and the other at Brentwood Academy on August 26. Then, the season opens with a showdown with the boys in violet (Father Ryan) on September 2. So, please come out and support the '93 Big Red football team and watch us roll to victory!

Violence...

able, would you prefer violent criminals on the streets instead?

Although President Clinton is making an effort, he should concentrate more on eliminating the factors that cause crime than making more arrests. This way the crime rate would come down and stay down.

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SPORTS

Summer Lacrosse



**Mark
Hardison**

**Staff
Writer**

Along with other activities this summer, many M.B.A. students and alumni were found playing lacrosse at West End Junior High. Nashville Summer Lacrosse has continued to grow over the years thanks to John Baer and his dedication to the sport. Each year the league attracts all ages from very young kids to adults who think they are a lot younger than they actually are, and in the past there has even been a girls' league.

Summer lacrosse is a great way to learn a new sport because anyone is welcomed to play no matter how

skilled he is, and the adults are always more than happy to provide any coaching tips.

All players are assigned to eight different teams with each team playing a short field game twice a week. Then on Saturdays, the eight teams are combined into two teams to play a full field game. Because so many people are out of town during the summer and there is often a shortage of players, everyone gets to play a lot. All equipment can be provided before the games by Coach Baer.

Next summer if anyone wants to pick up a new sport, take out any aggressions on someone else, or just keep from getting lazy over the summer, summer lacrosse might be just what he needs.

SUMMER
BASKETBALL

**Andy
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**Sports
Editor**

The 1993-94 M.B.A. basketball team was in full swing again this summer with about 20 games on the schedule. In June, the team started off with victories against powerhouses such as David Lipscomb, Beech, and Cheatham County. Late in June, M.B.A. participated in the competitive Vanderbilt Team Camp. Despite this rigid competition (teams from Alabama, Kentucky, Arkansas, etc.), the team won 6 out of 10 games in this three day affair.

In July the summer schedule slackened a bit as some of the players were coun-

selors in the M.B.A. Basketball Camps. In late July however, the Big Red journeyed to Memphis to compete in the prestigious M.U.S. Invitational. Teams, as well as college coaches, came from all over the Southeast and Midwest. M.B.A. showed significant improvement over each game and tallied a 4-3 record (3-1 in the actual tournament). This was an exciting tournament with college coaches, good competition, and Coach Bowers' driving.

The M.U.S. tournament concluded a summer in which all the players showed incredible improvement. Look for another exciting year of Big Red basketball in our expectations of winning the state tournament. Roll Red!



**Bradley
Sloan**

**Staff
Writer**

As practice began on August 5, the Big Red football team encountered a new challenge that no other M.B.A.

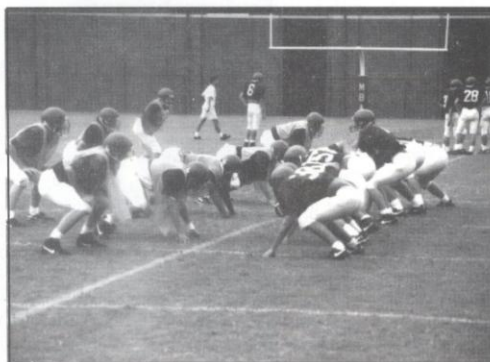
team has ever faced. This new challenge is the realignment of schools into five different classifications, with M.B.A. having chosen to play in the highest level of competition: 5A. With this new alignment, M.B.A.'s schedule changes completely. We are now in Region 6-5A and are

playing powerhouses like Henry Co., Dickson Co., Whites Creek, Clarksville Northeast, and Clarksville Northwest. We still will continue our rivalries with Hillsboro and Father Ryan although they are not in our new region. Other teams in our region include Hunters Lane and Hillwood. The players and coaches set a goal to be the first M.B.A. team ever to win this new region.

Also on August 5, the team and the coaching staff was made up of some new faces. Because of Coach

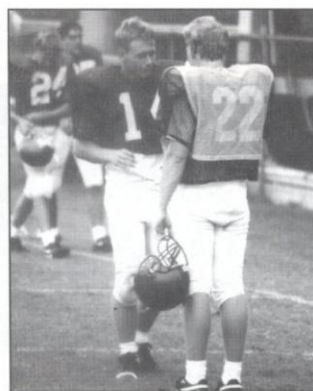
Tommy Owen's health, Coach Floyd Elliott was named interim head coach of the team. In addition to Coach Elliot's promotion, M.B.A. hired Peter Thurmond to coach the offensive backs and defensive secondary. Coach Thurmond has coached at Georgia Southern where they won a National

and play key positions on both sides of the ball. On offense, returning linemen Dave Sifford and Keith Claverie give a basis to the line. Other key linemen include seniors Brandon Shea and Barrett Rose and junior Bill Englert. In the talented backfield, The Big Red is led by Parkes Owen



and Andrew Walker at quarterback and by running backs Hugh Gaston, Ed Martin, Matt King, Derrick Buckspan, J.T. Davenport, Joe Delemos, and Mark Garton at

receiver, the team is led by seniors Charlie Thombs and Mark Hardison and juniors Ted Morrissey and Buck Blair.



as a part of the Big Red staff now. Having lost the largest senior class ever to play football at M.B.A., many new players have had to step up

Seniors Bradley Sloan and John Downey along with junior Franklin Jarman hold down the tight end position. On the defensive side of the ball, the team is led by linebackers Ed Martin, Bradley Sloan, and Stratton Huggins. The defensive line is anchored by the combo of Rose, Claverie, and Sifford. Hugh Gaston and Brandon Shea hold down the defensive end position. In the defensive secondary, corners Owen and Thombs lead the way while J.T. Davenport fills the free safety position. Finally, see Football, page six

**Congratulations
Mr. Downey
From A Friend**

**CONGRATULATIONS
FOOTBALL CAPTAIN: MATTHEW KING
CO-CAPTAINS: BRANDON SHEA
&
DERRICK BUCKSPAN**

SPORTS

GPS GETS STATE TRACK MEET IN
TSSAA REORGANIZATIONAL FOLLIESRob
WelhoelterStaff
Writer

During the summer, the TSSAA has made some radical changes in several sports. The realignment of football classes and the movement of spring state tournaments to Chattanooga have some people outraged.

The change from a three class to a five class system may create more parity within each region, but the area covered within each region is what creates a problem. For example, our trip to Henry County will cover 115 miles, a trip that will undoubtedly only be made by

devout fans and parents. Away games such as Hunters Lane, which is much closer than Henry County, produced very small fan support last year.

In addition to decreased attendance, increased travel costs will place a new burden on many schools' financial budgets. Long-standing rivalries are also jeopardized with the region realignment. MBA will not play traditional foes Hillwood and Overton. Even the traditional Father Ryan game only exists due to a between school agreement. The game will even lose importance in a district standpoint. A win or a loss will not affect district standings.

New rivalries will

crop up, and the level of play will rise, but if fan attendance and symbolic game importance is lost in the process, the TSSAA changes will become a failure.

The biggest change the TSSAA instated this summer was the proposal of combining all the spring state tournaments to one location during one weekend in the spring of 1994, and the ensuing bidding war by Tennessee's major cities to house this event. When Chattanooga outbid Nashville/Murfreesboro for this tournament combining softball, boys' soccer, baseball, tennis, and track and field, Memphis tempers flared. Having to make a cross-state trek of six hours instead of a three

hour trip to Nashville, Memphis athletes will get the raw end of the deal. Even if travel were not a problem, the fact that all the sporting events will be during one weekend can baffle the mind. Male and female athletes from five different sports, from every corner of the state, in Chattanooga at one time, combined with parents and fans, will choke Chattanooga and the TSSAA.

The state track meet at MBA was also lost in the deal. The meet is one of MBA's biggest money makers, and students will miss the traditional half day holiday on the Friday of the meet.

Many have contemplated what the spring of 1995 will bring. Some feel

the TSSAA will try to keep the event in the highest bidding city. Some feel the TSSAA will move the event around the major cities of Tennessee to keep travel fair. The move, however, will put a lot of pressure on the TSSAA to have a successful weekend, and one can only hope the true point of the tournaments, fair competition between the best athletes in the state, will not be jeopardized.

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Taylor
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The cross-country team has high hopes for the 1993 season. With 5 out of 7 runners from last year's State Championship Meet returning, the team would like to improve upon the 1992 team's 8th place finish in the state. The cross-country team is

X-Country

presently ranked 9th, according to one preseason poll.

The primary goal for the Big Red runners is to cap-

ture a 13th consecutive Region Championship. This goal

will be achieved despite discouraging injuries to Taylor Harris (fractured ankle), Phillip Guengerich (Compartment Syndrome), and John Farringer (sprained ankle). All three of these runners were on the varsity team last year.



Other returning Varsity members include Mark Wyckoff, Jim Al-

Fairways and Greens

Richard
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Writer

Well, it's that time of year again for MBA's golfers to hit the links and hope for another shot at the state title. This year will be quite different than last, for two of our top golfers will not be returning. Demetrius Jose Maria Olazabal Salinas will be attending Austin Peay University while Tucker Warren has decided to further his academic career at Father Ryan High School.

Fortunately, our team still has some strength. Larry Underwood, who hits

his driver 310 yds. on a bad day, will be a key player as well as Cooper Jones and Richard "BOOM BOOM" Douglas. These three have played more rounds of golf this summer than the number of drug deals done in California last year. Another featured player this year will be senior Jonathan Henderson who is improving even as I write this article. Together, these guys must put forth a strong effort if they are to equal the previous season, but who knows, anything is possible in golf. The team tryouts were held at T.P.C. at Crabgrass (Percy Warner) and our top four players combined for a six over par total.

1993 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SEPT. 2.....RYAN AT MBA
SEPT. 10...*CLARKSVILLE NW AT MBA
SEPT. 17...CENTRAL HARDIN
SEPT. 24...*MBA AT WHITES CREEK
OCT. 1.....HILLSBORO AT MBA
OCT. 8.....*CLARKSVILLE NE AT MBA
OCT. 15...*MBA AT HENRY COUNTY
OCT. 22...*MBA AT HUNTERS LANE
OCT. 29...*HILLWOOD AT MBA (HOMECOMING)
NOV. 5.....*MBA AT DICKSON COUNTY

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